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PARK IN TROUBLE

3-month trial period for vehicular traffic in Cubbon Park has left park visitors, conservationists worried

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LIVING ARTEFACTS

Forest watcher's arrest for attempting to sell two elephant tusks opens can of worms, puts spotlight on wildlife artefacts trade

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In an age when what is funny for one is offensive for other, transport dept makes it clear that autos and cabs will have to remove any unauthorised or provocative posters displayed on their vehicles

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Action aimed at cracking down on messages of hate, division

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The government surely is no fan of snarky epigrams on autos and cabs. The Transport Department has announced a crackdown on autos and cabs displaying unauthorised or provocative posters. It is common to see such posters or writings on vehicles, with some being unique and others stirring controversy. The department has warned vehicle owners to remove any illegal displays immediately.

Additional Commissioner for Transport (Enforcement-South) C Mallikarjun, said, "As per the rules, vehicles must remain in the original condition as they were registered, with no modifications or tampering. Displaying posters or illegal labels without government approval is strictly prohibited."

Officials also clarified that past violations would be revisited, and teams have been instructed to identify vehicles with contentious posters. "Some of these posters are going viral on social media, which is concerning. Any material that provokes or incites hatred will be dealt with strictly, including the possibility of de-registering such vehicles," an official said.

The department stressed that even posters related to road safety or advertisements require prior approval from the jurisdictional authority. To curb this practice, enforcement teams will intensify inspections, and awareness campaigns will be conducted to educate drivers. "Vehicle owners are advised not to display any unauthorised content. If anyone wishes to display permitted materials, they must obtain official approval," Mallikarjun said. The department reiterated that only advertisements cleared by the jurisdictional authority would be allowed, and all others would face legal consequences.

> **"Displaying posters without approval, no matter the intention, is illegal. What might seem like a harmless sticker can often carry offensive or incendiary content that fuels tensions or misinformation**
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> — Smitha Dev, activist

Smitha Dev, an activist, explained why this move makes sense. "Public vehicles like autos and cabs are not just modes of transport; they're also moving symbols of public accountability. The unchecked display of unauthorised posters, particularly those that provoke or spread hate, is deeply concerning. While some drivers use this space creatively, others misuse it to spread controversial or inflammatory messages, which can lead to division in

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State of school: No benches, no space

A vacant building nearby that school can put to use

A crowded classroom of government lower primary school in Kithaganur

Renovation has begun after intervention by citizens, but 60 students share space in small classroom and sit on floor

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For years, teachers and students of Government Lower Primary School did not have any basic amenities at the school. Now, thanks to members of the KR Puram Constituency Association Welfare Federation, who took up the issue with Kithaganur Panchayat officials, renovation work has begun at the school.

However, the school still has a major space crunch and does not have benches, so students have to sit on the floor. A teacher told BM the school was craving for decent flooring for the class rooms. "The students are compelled to sit on the floor due to lack of benches. It

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THINGS TO DO

01 Bharatanatyam solo debut

Bharatanatyam Rangapravesham of Jarvinya Saumil Shah, daughter of Fenny Saumil Shah and Saumil Rajesh Shah & a disciple of Acharya Dr Raksha Karthik. This grand event marks her formal debut as a solo Bharatanatyam dancer. **Where: Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte When: January 26, 9 am to 1 pm**

02 Girl power

Celebrate National Girl Child Day with a screening of films produced by the Concerned for Working Children (CWC): Puberty, Body Image, Gender, Trafficking & Abuse. All plays are in Kannada. **Where: National Gallery of Modern Art; When: January 24, 11:30 am onwards**

03 Drum fest

The Bengaluru Drum Fest is back, bigger and bolder than ever, with Peter Szendofi, Ranjit Barot, David Joseph, Ghatam Giridhar Udupa & Anupam Ghatak! This one-of-a-kind festival celebrates the art of drumming, featuring the best talent from India and around the world. **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram When: January 31, 7 pm**

04 Sugar rush ride

Get ready for a sugar rush! Lagom Patisserie is bringing their mouthwatering desserts for an exclusive 3-day pop-up. Enjoy delicious cheesecakes, creamy eclairs, and decadent Swiss rolls from Lagom Patisserie starting at Rs 200. **Where: BLR Brewing Co, Whitefield When: January 31, February 1 & 2**

05 Inclusive fun

Satrangi Mela is here! This all-day queer fest is a space where everyone is welcome to embrace diversity and express themselves freely. It's a place where stories come alive through vibrant flea markets, soulful music, & powerful drag performances. For ages 21+. **Where: Indiranagar Social; When: January 26, 12 pm onwards**

Why do most students opt for state syllabus post-matric?

CBSE-ISCE students form 12% of strength in state PU colleges; educationists attribute this choice to lighter curriculum, competitive exam prep opportunities

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The enrollments to CBSE and ICSE syllabi schools are steadily increasing; however, ironically, there is a growing trend of these students shifting to state syllabus PU colleges after completing their grade 10, rather than continuing their PU education under their respective boards.

According to the Pre University Department, 85,000 students across various districts in Karnataka enrolled in state syllabus PU colleges last year. Surprisingly, data shows that around 12% of PU students in the state have completed their matric education from CBSE and ICSE boards.

This trend is attributed to the state syllabus offering an integrated learning approach, a lighter curriculum, and enhanced preparation opportunities for competitive exams.

Why is state curriculum attractive?

Educationists said that the state syllabus is seen as more accommodating for competitive exam preparation due to its integrated coaching system, unlike CBSE and ICSE, which give less emphasis on such coaching. Students also find the state syllabus less intensive, allowing them to focus on additional training for entrance exams. Reports suggest that state syllabus PU colleges continue to gain traction as a holistic educational solution, combining academic learning with targeted competitive exam preparation. A CBSE school principal said, "Many students shift to the state curriculum post-SSLC because integrated coaching under one roof is not given much importance in CBSE and ICSE systems."

Integrated coaching alongside regular classes is one major perk for students preparing for competitive exams

On the other hand, a PU college principal said, "PU courses provide the advantage of integrated coaching alongside regular classes, which is a significant attraction for students preparing for competitive exams." Educationists said that the shift has also brought attention to the rising influence of private coaching systems integrated with state PU colleges, making them a preferred choice for students aiming for competitive exams like NEET and JEE.

Steady increase in CBSE & ICSE enrolment

Over the years, there has been a steady increase in enrollment in CBSE and ICSE schools, reflecting a growing preference for these curricula. From the academic year 2020-21 to 2024-25, CBSE enrollment is projected to rise from 42,280 to 64,700 students, marking an overall increase of approximately 53%. Similarly, ICSE enrollment is expected to grow from 14,676 to 20,742 students, a 41% rise during the same period. Year-on-year, CBSE has seen a consistent upward trend: a 9.3% increase in 2021-22, followed by 10.6% in 2022-23, and 10.3% in 2023-24. The projected rise for 2024-25 stands at 14.7%. For ICSE, the growth rate follows a similar trajectory, with an 8.1% increase in 2021-22, 8.9% in 2022-23, and 8.5% in 2023-24. The projected growth for 2024-25 is 10.6%.

Sending a wrong message? Don't do that

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society. This cannot be ignored," she said. She emphasised that vehicles on public roads operate under the law, and that law mandates that they remain unaltered and free from unauthorised modifications. "Displaying posters without approval, no matter the intention, is illegal. What might seem like a harmless sticker can often carry offensive or incendiary content that fuels tensions or misinformation."

Activists said that enforcement alone will not solve the problem. Awareness campaigns are critical to educate drivers about their responsibility as public service providers. "We must also ensure that passengers and citizens feel empowered to report vehicles with objectionable displays. Public spaces, including the sides of vehicles, must be safe and free from anything that threatens societal harmony," Dev added.

AI chatbot to address student queries during CET process

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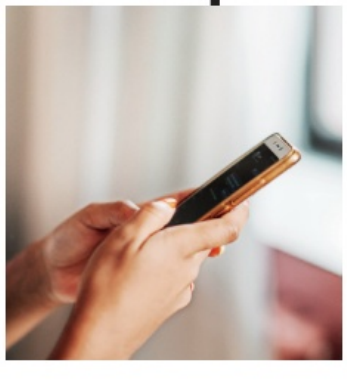

Students appearing for the Common Entrance Test (CET) will no longer need to wait for hours on helpline calls to resolve their queries. A new AI-powered chatbot developed by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) will provide instant solutions to their problems.

An official said, "This year, the CET is scheduled for April 16-17, with the application process starting on January 23. KEA will release a dedicated number for the chatbot, which students can save on WhatsApp to send their queries and receive immediate responses. The chatbot is designed to address issues like application deadlines, required documents, and reservation eligibility, ensuring quick and efficient assistance."

Why chatbot services?

Despite KEA's existing helpline, which operates from 9 am to 6 pm with a team of nine executives per line, the increasing volume of calls—ranging from 13,000 to 14,000 daily—makes it challenging to cater to all students. On average, only about 2,500 calls can be answered daily, leaving many students without resolutions. Hence, to bridge this gap, the AI chatbot has been programmed to handle frequently asked questions.

For example, students can instantly receive answers to questions about application deadlines or the validity of specific certificates. If the chatbot's response is insufficient, students can email their queries to KEA for a response within half a day.

"The AI chatbot was developed to address the high volume of student queries that the helpline cannot manage," said H Prasanna, Executive Director, KEA.

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Cubbon Park trials traffic on weekend for 3 months

Walkers and environmentalists strongly oppose plan, citing concerns about pollution and ecological damage; experts warn of secondary pollutants from vehicle emissions

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A meeting concerning vehicular movement within Cubbon Park on weekends and public holidays was convened on Thursday by Additional Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, bringing together officials from the Bengaluru Traffic Police, the Horticulture Department, and the Cubbon Park Conservation Committee.

After discussions, it was decided to implement a trial period of three months during which vehicular traffic will be permitted on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, between 7 pm and 10 pm. This initiative aims to assess the impact of limited vehicular access on traffic congestion in the surrounding areas. To facilitate this, specific parameters will be established to monitor the volume of vehicles passing through the park during these hours.

The traffic police have been stressing that traffic should be allowed during weekends as it's causing congestion for people commuting from south to north Bengaluru.

Rizwan Arshad, MLA of Shivajinagar Constituency expressed reservations about opening the park to vehicular traffic on weekends, advocating for the park to remain closed during these times to protect its environmental sanctity. However, acknowledging the Traffic Police Department's concerns regarding traffic management, a consensus was reached to proceed with the limited trial. "This approach allows for data collection and evaluation before making a permanent decision," he said.

Umesh Kumar, President of the Cubbon Park Walkers Association said, "How can vehicles be allowed inside Cubbon Park? We will protest against this if vehicles are permitted. On weekends there is hardly any traffic, even schools are closed, government offices are closed and even many companies are closed. So I don't understand the need for it to be open for traffic. We have been tirelessly stressing the importance of preserving Cubbon Park's greenery. In 2019, we successfully stopped the construction of a seven-storey building, and again in 2024, we opposed the proposal for a 10-storey structure inside the park. We have approached the government and the High Court multiple times to save this park. Walkers come here to enjoy fresh oxygen, and even people visiting the High Court and other nearby institutions find solace here. Allowing vehicles inside will disrupt the peaceful environment and harm the ecological balance we are striving to protect. It is the largest green lung space and is vital for maintaining the city's air quality and providing a serene space amidst urban chaos. Allowing vehicles could lead to noise and air pollution, and damage the fragile ecosystem."

"Allowing vehicles inside will disrupt peaceful environment and harm the ecological balance"

> **"Secondary pollutants are significantly more harmful than primary pollutants and can have severe effects**
> – Yellappa R, environmentalist

Horticulture department officials however pointed out that they are waiting for final orders to be passed by the government for the final decision. Speaking to BM, Noted Environmentalist, Yellappa Reddy said, " We have already submitted a detailed report regarding the dangers of secondary pollutants. Secondary pollutants are significantly more harmful than primary pollutants and can have severe effects on both the environment and human health. When vehicles are in motion, especially at locations with over a dozen signals, they emit unburnt hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides (NOx), which react at ground level to form secondary pollutants like ozone (O_3). At ground level, ozone is highly dangerous and poses serious health risks. Oxygen, essential for human survival, becomes compromised when these reactions occur. Unlike food or water, humans cannot survive without oxygen. The presence of ground-level ozone can lead to respiratory issues and heart problems."

He further added, "Moreover, the impact on the environment is dire. Pollution from vehicles prevents trees from flowering and regenerating, thereby jeopardising the greenery of areas like Cubbon Park. We submitted our report to the government through the police department, emphasising these risks. However, our concerns have been overlooked once again. Immediate action is necessary to prevent further degradation of Cubbon Park and to safeguard public health from the dangers of secondary pollutants. Allowing vehicles into the park is not a solution; it is a step toward environmental ruin and a public health crisis."

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Pedestrian risk

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Construction materials blocking the footpath at Yelachenahalli metro station, Kanakapura Road are forcing pedestrians into heavy traffic, endangering their lives.

Sign down

Guttahalli

The BMTC bus arrival sign at the Palace Guttahalli bus stop (towards Windsor Manor) has been out of order for the past 15 days. Authorities are urged to take action.

Lack of facilities hinder education at govt lower primary school

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would be a great help if the authorities provide benches for students," the teacher said. A teacher told BM that earlier the situation was even worse with students facing problems even to attend nature's call as there was no water at the toilets. "The building was in a poor condition. We are happy with the renovation of the school building and restoration of the water supply."

About the space issue, the teacher said that as of now, the school building has only two rooms. "One is being used as a store room and the students - grade 1 to 5 - have to be confined to one room. The Kithaganur Panchayat must construct one more class room for the students. Now, around 60 students have to attend classes in a single room," the teacher said. The school's renovation was possible due to intervention by the welfare federation after they saw the condition during a visit. "We visited the Government Lower Primary School at Kurudu Sonnenahalli to plant saplings on the school premises and distribute school bags to the students. The teachers told us about basic problems at the school. We discussed it with Kithaganur Panchayat officials and members who agreed to repair the borewell and ensure supply of water to the school," said VP Krishna, founder of KR Puram Constituency Association Welfare Federation.

Krishna has now suggested to the Kithaganur Panchayat that the school be allowed to use the library building, which has been vacant since 2019, as a class room. "The library building and training centre have been idle for more than four years. A lot of money was spent for the construction of the library, community hall and training centre. These buildings are not used for the public all these years," Krishna said.

Krishna said that he has already sent a letter to the authorities concerned about the lack of benches. "If the authorities fail to provide the benches, we will approach NGOs or companies to donate benches," he said. Block Education Officer CN Govindappa said that no one has brought the condition of the lower primary school to his notice. "I will visit the school in one or two days. I will do whatever is possible to improve basic amenities at the school," the BEO said.

Nurse suicide: Husband booked for abetment

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A 33-year-old woman, Vijaya Kumari, who worked as a staff nurse at Ramaiah Hospital, was found dead at her residence in Kodigehalli on Wednesday morning.

Vijaya Kumari was married to Nagaraju (38), a pharmaceutical sales representative, in 2016. The couple lived in Virupakshapura with their two children.

Nagaraju had gone to drop the children at school when died by suicide. A police investigation revealed no suicide note, leaving her family and authorities searching for answers.

Vijaya Kumari's family has accused Nagaraju of severe mental and physical harassment over dowry demands, claiming this pushed her to take the extreme step. Her brother lodged a complaint at Kodigehalli police station.

Police officials said, "There was no death note found, there was a lot of fight between the couple. The brother of the deceased gave a complaint that Nagaraju frequently harassed his sister, both mentally and physically, causing her unbearable distress". In response, the police have arrested Nagaraju and remanded him to judicial custody.

CRIME FILES

Cow thief arrested

The Amruthahalli police have arrested Somashekhar, alias Soma, a 45-year-old man involved in stealing and selling cows. Acting on a complaint filed by a victim, a local resident, the police apprehended Soma after CCTV footage revealed cows being taken away in a goods vehicle.

Somu, who hails from Mysuru, had been stealing cows from local families for the past 10 days. These families, who relied on their cows for their livelihood, were deeply affected by these thefts. Somu would target fertile cows, often taking them directly from their tethers in front of their owners' homes. He is suspected of stealing cows from at least six different locations and then selling them at a nearby market to make a profit

The latest victim discovered that their cow that had been tied near their house, was missing. Upon returning home, they found only the cow's collar, including the bell and a garland of flowers, lying on the ground. This indicated that the cow had been forcibly removed. Despite searching extensively, the victim was unable to locate their animal. Upon reviewing CCTV footage from the area, the theft was confirmed.

According to senior police officials, Soma would initially gain the trust of locals by walking their cows to nearby fields, only to transport them in a vehicle and sell them to brokers for ₹20,000 each. The stolen cows were then allegedly sold to brokers across various regions.

The officials further stated, "Somashekhar's motive was purely financial gain." The accused was arrested three days ago and remains in custody as investigations continue. This long-running cow theft racket has left several FIRs filed against Soma.

Parking space brawl turns deadly

A 50-year-old man lost his life after being assaulted by two women in a dispute over a parking space on Wednesday evening in Dobba Hagade village, Anekal. The deceased, identified as Ramachandra, had parked his tractor on the road, which sparked an argument with two local residents, Munirathnaamma (45) and Navya (23). The verbal altercation soon led to a physical assault on Ramachandra.

Following the attack, Ramachandra was rushed to a nearby hospital, but he was declared dead. Both women have been arrested.

Auto driver killed over trivial fight

An auto driver lost his life following a quarrel over a trivial matter in the Rehmat Nagar area, under the jurisdiction of RT Nagar police station. The victim, identified as Salman (27), a resident of Rehmat Nagar, was engaged in a heated argument with four individuals in the morning on the main road. The dispute was sparked reportedly over a minor collision.

During the altercation, Salman was assaulted, punched, and kicked by the group, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to Bowring Hospital for treatment, but despite the medical team's efforts, he succumbed to his injuries around 8:30pm. The RT Nagar police have registered a case of murder and have launched an investigation to apprehend the accused.

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Man kills self at wife's home

A 39-year-old succumbed to self-inflicted burns at his estranged wife's residence in NGF Layout, Nagarabhavi, at 8 am on Thursday. Manjunath is said to have got into a heated altercation with his estranged wife Nayana, during a visit aimed at reconciliation. The couple, married in 2013, had been embroiled in divorce proceedings since 2022 due to irreconcilable differences.

Manjunath visited Nayana's house and when she refused to withdraw the divorce petition, a heated argument ensued between the two. Manjunath poured petrol on himself and set himself ablaze.

The Jnanabharathi police have registered a case of unnatural death. The couple has a 9-year-old son.

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Wildlife artefact trade: Forest watcher latest culprit

Officials detain 2 for attempting to sell elephant tusks after covert operation by Criminal Investigation Department's Forest Cell; 3rd such case in 6 months in state

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The Forest Cell of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has apprehended a forest watcher, Chandrashekhar (27), along with his brother-in-law Basavaraj, for attempting to sell two elephant tusks. The arrests were made on Tuesday on Kollegal Ring Road after a decoy operation by the CID Forest Cell. This marks the third such incident in the state in the past six months.

Chandrashekhar, who worked as a forest watcher at the DoddaMakali Camp in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills for the past eight years, reportedly confessed that he had removed the tusks from an elephant carcass he discovered floating in a river during a patrol in November 2023. He hid the tusks in the forest for months before spreading the word about their availability. Acting on a tip-off, the CID Forest Cell set up a decoy operation, posing as potential buyers, and caught Chandrashekhar and Basavaraj while they were about to deliver the tusks.

Forest watcher of 8 years at DoddaMakali Camp confessed to removing tusks from an elephant carcass

"Accused had made multiple attempts to sell tusks in past but were unsuccesful. They were apprehended when they tried to sell them to officials posing as buyers –Source

"The accused had made multiple attempts to sell the tusks in the past but were unsuccessful. They were apprehended when they tried to sell them to officials posing as potential buyers," sources revealed to BM.

The third accused identified as Puttaswamy (55), Chandrashekhar's father, however, managed to escape and is currently on the run. Efforts are underway to apprehend him. Investigations are ongoing, and the accused remains in custody.

Recurring incidents

This incident follows two other cases of forest department personnel involved in the illegal trade of wildlife artefacts. The first case occurred in December 2024, in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. A 30-year-old named Nakulaiah was arrested while trying to sell a pair of elephant tusks. Nakulaiah confessed to sourcing the tusks from the Bannerghatta Forest, reportedly with help from his brother, who worked as a forest watcher. Although Nakulaiah was apprehended, his brother remains at large.

In another similar case that occurred in September 2024 under Bandra Forest Range, villagers discovered a highly decomposed elephant carcass with two bullet wounds and missing tusks. An investigation revealed lapses in forest monitoring, leading to the suspension of the DCF (Deputy Conservator of Forests) for the Bandra range. The tusks have not been recovered, and the case is still under investigation.

Forest department under lens

These recurring incidents of forest officials being involved in illegal wildlife trade highlight systemic flaws in monitoring protocols and accountability mechanisms within the forest department. Sources revealed that illegal trading and theft of wildlife artefacts become significantly easier and more lucrative when forest officials, tasked with protecting wildlife, exploit their positions of authorityfor personal gain.

Dubai returnee tests positive for Mpox in Mangaluru

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Despite Mpox being generally mild with limited spread, Health department advises vigilance for symptoms

The Department of Health and Family Welfare revealed that the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, has confirmed a case of Monkeypox (Mpox) in a 40-year-old male from Mangaluru on Wednesday. The patient, a native of Karkala in Udupi district, had been residing in Dubai for the past 19 years before arriving in Mangaluru on January 17.

Upon his arrival, the patient displayed symptoms of rashes and reported a fever two days prior. He was promptly isolated at a private hospital, and his samples were sent for testing at Bangalore Medical College (BMC) and NIV, Pune, where Mpox was confirmed.

According to health officials, the patient is in stable condition without any severe complications and is expected to be discharged soon.

Mild disease with low infectivity

Health authorities have reassured the public that Mpox is generally a mild, self-limiting disease, except in immunocompromised individuals with co-morbidities, who need to exercise caution. Treatment primarily involves managing symptoms such as fever, body aches, and secondary infections, along with ensuring adequate hydration, nutrition, and rest.

Unlike Covid-19, Mpox spreads only through close and intimate contact, making its infectivity significantly lower.

Symptoms inlcude fever, rashes

The patient's 36-year-old wife, who received him at the airport, has been identified as a primary contact. She has been advised to isolate and monitor for symptoms over the next few days.

Advisory

The Department of Health and Family Welfare has urged the public not to panic, given the mild nature of the disease and its limited transmission. However, individuals are advised to stay vigilant for symptoms such as skin rashes, fever, headache, muscle aches, chills, sweating, sore throat, and cough. Those with travel history to high-risk countries or close contact with Mpox-infected individuals should seek medical testing if symptoms develop.

While a vaccine for Mpox exists and is recommended for high-risk populations like healthcare workers in some countries, the Government of India has not implemented mandatory vaccination due to the very low number of reported cases.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, is caused by the monkeypox virus. It can spread through close contact with infected individuals, contaminated materials, or infected animals. In rare cases, it can be transmitted during pregnancy to the fetus or a newborn during or after birth.

Workshops: All about microfinance

Microfinance Industry Network (MFIN), a self-regulatory organisation recognised by the Reserve Bank of India, is planning to organise 2,131 financial literacy workshops under the RBI's Depositors Education and Awareness programmes across the country in the next two years.

"We are planning to organise 10 awareness programmes in Karnataka for the benefit of the public. The MFIN also operates a toll-free 24x7 client grievance redressal system in vernacular language," said Rama Kamaraju, Head of State Initiatives, MFIN. Addressing the rumours on the alleged harassment by microfinance companies, Rama said, "Three so-called organisations from Belagavi were instrumental in 18,000 borrowers stopping paying instalments against the loan (Rs 1.72 crore) availed from the microfinance companies. Some religious entities in Kalaburagi provoked borrowers not to repay the loans," he said.

Blind football super league

The Indian Blind Football Super League Season I was inaugurated on Thursday at MatchDay, New BEL Road, by Ashwini Angadi, Founder Trustee, and Dr Pradeep Srinivasan, President of Belaku Academy. The inaugural season includes the participation of fourteen teams representing five states and 10 international players.

Billed as the first of its kind in the city, the Indian Blind Football Super League Season I has provided an opportunity for visually impaired football players to showcase their skills.

Appreciating the organisers for providing an opportunity Shivaparvathy from Tamil Nadu said, "Visually impaired football players need special skill to locate the ball based on the sound. Playing football makes visually impaired players physically and psychologically strong.

Protest for guest lecturers

The All India College and University Teachers Association (AICUTA-NR) organised a statewide protest at Freedom Park, opposing the abrupt termination of guest lecturers across the state. The termination, implemented under the pretext of aligning with University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, has drawn widespread criticism. The members pointed out that sudden policy decisions jeopardises their livelihoods and adversely affect the quality of education and the interests of students.

Representatives from AICUTA-NR pointed out that replacing experienced guest lecturers mid-academic year is detrimental to the education system. Students said they are being deprived of comprehensive knowledge and academic stability due to these changes. –BMB

Runaways return: On the trail of kids chasing thrill

5 missing kids from 2 separate cases reach home safe & sound; 1,044 children reported missing in city in 2024 alone

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"If kids' actions were voluntary, common reasons for such behaviour in missing cases include eloping for love, seeking adventure, or fleeing due to fear or pressures –Police

Over the past month, Bengaluru has seen a spike in the number of missing children cases. According to police data, 1,044 children were reported missing in 2024 alone, many of them from vulnerable backgrounds. Police officials explained that if the kids' actions were voluntary, common reasons for such behaviour in missing cases include eloping for love, seeking adventure, or fleeing due to fear or pressures.

In one such case, two young boys—Praveen (13) and Ravi (14)—from Jayanagar went missing on January 18. To everyone's relief, they were both found safe at Male Mahadeshwara Betta early Thursday morning after being missing for four days. On January 18, Praveen, studying in Class 7, wasn't feeling well and stayed home. Around 1:30 PM, Ravi, his adventurous next-door neighbour, showed up at Praveen's doorstep with a plan to step out. The boys vanished shortly after, leaving their families worried and filing a police complaint. The boys were described as slim-built with a wheatish complexion, fluent in Kannada and English.

A police official stated, "Praveen has a history of running away from home, and this wasn't the first time. He persuaded and influenced Ravi to join him on a trip to Muthurayaswamy Betta." After four days of searching, the breakthrough came with a tip-off early this morning. Officers rushed to the scenic hill and found the boys, safe but visibly tired. At 6 am, they were reunited with their worried parents.

In another separate case, three missing SSLC students from Kuniganahalli village in Hassan were found safe all the way in Mysuru. Sharath, Dhananjay, and Murali, all 16 years old and students of Adarvalli Government High School in Sakleshpur, were reported missing after failing to attend school or return home on Wednesday morning. Distraught parents lodged a complaint at the Sakleshpur Rural Police Station, leading to a rigorous search operation.

It was noted that Sharath had a mobile phone in his possession. Using phone signals, the police tracked three students to Mysuru. According to sources, it is allegedly claimed that the children attended two preparatory exams, but after feeling apprehensive about the third exam in English, they decided to go to Mysuru. However, the reasons behind their departure from their hometown are yet to be confirmed. The police assured that the boys are unharmed and are now being reunited with their families.

HC halts axing of 530 trees at hospital

The High Court issued a temporary stay on Wednesday against the felling of 530 trees at Command Hospital, Air Force, Bengaluru. The stay will remain effective until the court reviews the legitimacy of the permission granted by the BBMP for tree removal, which was intended for constructing a modern multi-storey hospital complex. This interim directive was issued during a hearing of a PIL petition submitted in 2018 by Dattatraya T Devare and Bangalore Environment Trust. Since then, a Tree Expert Committee (TEC) established under court orders has been reviewing all tree-felling permissions in Bengaluru. The BBMP Tree Officer now grants permissions solely based on TEC recommendations. During Wednesday's proceedings, the petitioner's counsel clarified that they were not opposing the hospital development but questioning BBMP's permission-granting procedure. **–BMB**

'Can't allow indefinite strike by students'

The High Court issued notice on Thursday regarding a petition from All Karnataka State Students Association, requesting another re-examination for KAS prelims 2024, following the initial exam conducted on August 27 last year. During the proceedings, Justice R Devdas served notice to the Karnataka Public Service Commission whilst expressing reluctance towards the students' interim request for permission to conduct an indefinite strike until their demands are fulfilled. The judge said, "Court cannot issue such directions permitting to go on strike, it is impermissible. If you want to do something you do in accordance with law. If they take action then we will." Authorities had granted students a one-day protest permission for January 22. The next hearing is scheduled for January 30. **–BMB**

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Simple tips on how to eat right for your age

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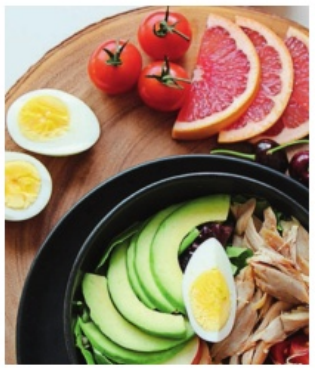
You are busiest in your 20s. You may be either chasing a career, dating, getting married or planning a family. This is what you need to eat: Calcium, Vitamin K and D and fibre.

You need to eat calcium-rich food to lower the risk of osteoporosis later in life. Eat three servings of dairy products each day in the form of milk, curd and cheese. Eat green leafy vegetables and egg yolks. Ensure you have oats or fortified cereals or fibre-rich fruits such as apples, oranges and strawberries for breakfast.



In Your 30s

There will be small physical changes that you will notice such as you don't find it as easy as earlier to lose fat or gain muscle and you take an extra day to recover from a tough workout. Eat foods rich in folate, phytonutrients and iron.

You need folate if you are pregnant or are a nursing mother. This will help your body make new cells. Eat foods such as chickpeas, asparagus, spinach, broccoli, avocados, orange juice, and fortified whole grains. These compounds contain antioxidants that can slow down the aging process and ward off heart disease and cancer. Phytonutrients come from plants but dark chocolate, red wine, and coffee contain high amounts of them. Get your daily dose of 18 milligrams of iron from foods such as fortified breakfast cereal, soyabean, pumpkin seeds and spinach.

In Your 40s

You will notice a slower metabolism, minor aches and pains, reduced hormone levels and sluggish digestion. You need to eat: Iron, antioxidants and probiotics.

You will be approaching menopause, to counter the effects on your body, eat food rich in iron, such as fortified cereal, lentils and green leafy vegetables such as spinach, beans and broccoli. Also eat foods rich in vitamin C to aid absorption, such as spinach and orange. Brightly-coloured fruit and vegetables are the best source of antioxidants. You need to eat at least five portions a day. You need probiotics to help your digestive system. Yoghurt and raw cheese are the best source of probiotics. **– Femina**

Sudeep declines State Best Actor Award

Kichcha Sudeep, who was recently announced as the recipient of the Karnataka State Award for his film Pailwaan, has released a statement on social media declining the honour. In a post on X, Sudeep expressed his gratitude to the jury while stating that the recognition itself was more than enough for him.

"It is truly a privilege to have received the state award under the Best Actor category, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the respected jury for this honor. However, I must express that I have chosen to stop receiving awards for several years now, a decision made for personal reasons," he wrote.

Sudeep emphasised that many deserving actors could benefit from such recognition and that it would bring him greater joy to see one of them receive the award. "My dedication to entertaining people has always been without the expectation of awards," he added, highlighting that the acknowledgment itself motivates him to continue striving for excellence. While apologising for any disappointment his decision may have caused, Sudeep thanked the jury and the state government for their support and understanding, affirming his gratitude for the recognition. —BMB

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Forest is for all

Forest, the much-awaited adventurous Kannada comedy film, is set to arrive in theaters on January 24. The movie's trailer, being screened at hundreds of screens across Karnataka, has generated curiosity among all. Forest, with an ensemble of cast, is bankrolled by NM Kantharaj under the NMK Cinemas banner.

According to Kantharaj, Forest will cater to the needs of all categories of audiences. "Forest has all elements such as romance, comedy, action, and suspense. The movie has a multi-star cast. We never hesitated to provide all amenities and facilities during the shooting. Initially, we thought of wrapping the shooting in 42 or 45 days but it got extended to 85 days," said Kantharaj.

According to the producer, the movie was supposed to release last year but got postponed. "Computer graphics work took eight months. I did not compromise with quality because the story of the movie is very good. Director Chandramohan worked on the script for many years. He used to meet me on Sankranti day for 12 years to narrate the script. I was not satisfied with it for all those years. I gave the green signal to him when he narrated the script on the 13th year. He did not expect that I would approve the script. It was a big surprise for him," he said.

He said he was a movie buff during college days. "My passion towards movies made me bankroll this film. The movie turned out well and it got many inquiries from theatre owners. I arranged a screening of Forest for my friends without telling them that I bankrolled it. They fall asleep if the movie is not interesting, but they were glued to the screen till the end and told me they liked the movie which is on par with Kantara," he signed off with a smile.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

It's complex

Model-turned-actress Alankrita Sahai recently revealed her eagerness to take on complex and challenging roles in her acting career.

Sahai, who is making waves in Hollywood with her role in the film "Band of Maharajas," which is now in the race for the Oscars 2025, expressed her passion for portraying multifaceted characters that allow her to explore different dimensions of human emotions and experiences.

Alankrita shared her excitement and insights about being a part of this prestigious project, shedding light on the film's powerful narrative and her experience working alongside a talented international cast.

Sahai shared, "These pictures are priceless to me. I see myself in different avatars, as I'm open to playing roles that are challenging and exciting. The role of Simran Girish sir visualised me in that. A lot of people sometimes may struggle to see me a certain way as an artist or character. Hats off to him for believing in me and having that conviction that I can pull it off."

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'DON'T WANT MY KIDS TO DO MY JOB'

Shahid Kapoor recently featured on Raj Shamani's popular podcast "Figuring Out". During their insightful conversation, the 'Kabir Singh' actor talked about his forthcoming release "Deva", his experience growing up with a single parent, and his views on parenting.

Shahid Kapoor was also asked about the attributes that he wants his children to take and not take from him. Reacting to this, the 'Jab We Met' actor was quoted saying, "Always do the right thing, I always try and do the right thing, whether I am liking it, whether someone else is not liking it, whether it is damaging to me, doesn't matter, ill do the right thing."

Shahid Kapoor also revealed that he does not want his kids to do his job. He stated, "Kaafi saari cheeze hai, that I do not want them to take from me, I want them to be more confident inherently, which I think they both are. I wasn't inherently that confident. Ideally, I wouldn't want them to do my job, picture mein mat aana yaar. Kuch aur karo, Bohot up and down hota hai yaar, bohot rough hai. (Don't get into acting. Do something else. There are many ups and downs, it's very rough) If they want to, it's their choice, but I would be like choose something simple, this is too complex."

The latest episode of Raj Shamani's podcast featuring Shahid Kapoor will be released on 23rd January 2025.

In the meantime, Shahid Kapoor shared his experience of playing Dev Ambre during the trailer launch event of "Deva". Calling the film deeply personal, the actor said, "Deva is a piece of my heart," he said.

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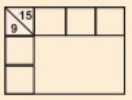
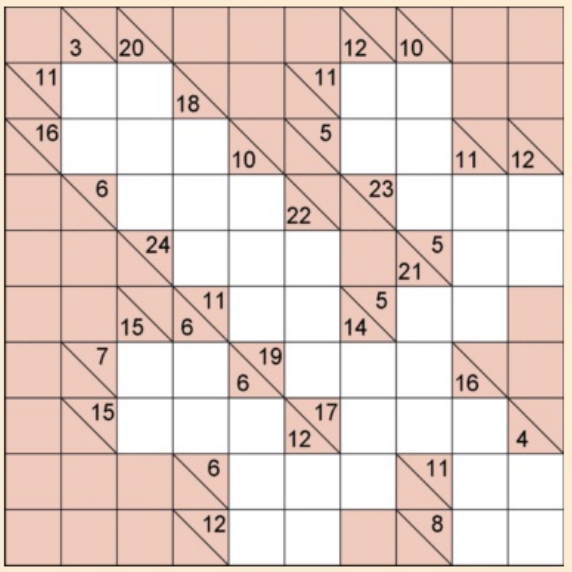
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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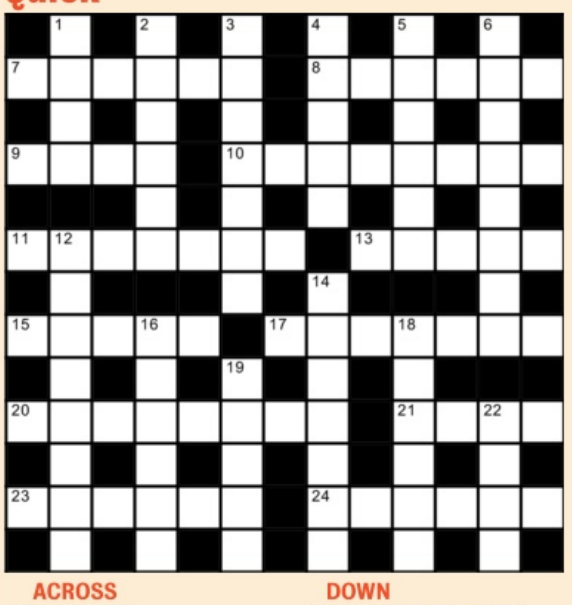


ACROSS

7 Subtlety (6)
8 Located (6)
9 A tramp or an unkempt loiterer (4)
10 Cabbage salad (8)
11 Physical exercise (7)
13 Biblical traitor (5)
15 ___ Hills: Scenic spot around 60 kms from Bangalore (5)
17 Black and white birds (7)
20 Two pairs (8)
21 A choir member (4)
23 Aureate (6)
24 Regular orders (6)

DOWN

1 Japanese wrestling (4)
2 Use a key (6)
3 Tomato sauce (7)
4 ___ over : be surplus or excesive ? (5)
5 Bahamas capital (6)
6 Divide (8)
12 Extended musical composition (8)
14 Actors don't die they just __ __ ? (4,3)
16 Tyrolean skirt (6)
18 Contagious disease (6)
19 Sycophant (5)
22 Ceramic slab (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS T

XPYO SPY YOYFC PLM OV ZLDY, MVDAYSC XAGG AOBYOS VOY

Linemaro

If home is where the heart is, then my home is in you

Mindchow

Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old

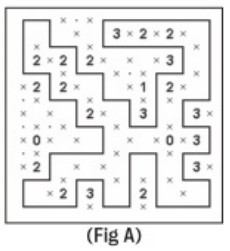
Joke of the day

Why do divers fall backwards from the boat? Because if they fell forward, they would still be in the boat

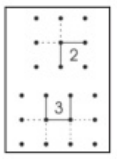
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

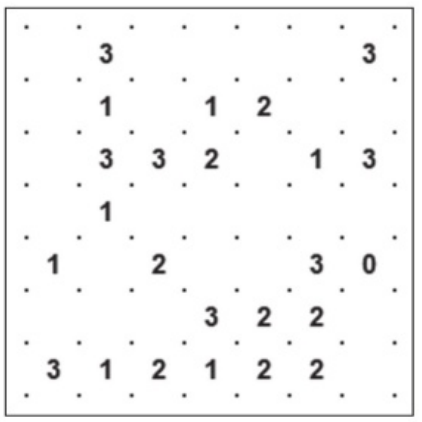


(Fig B) Not Allowed

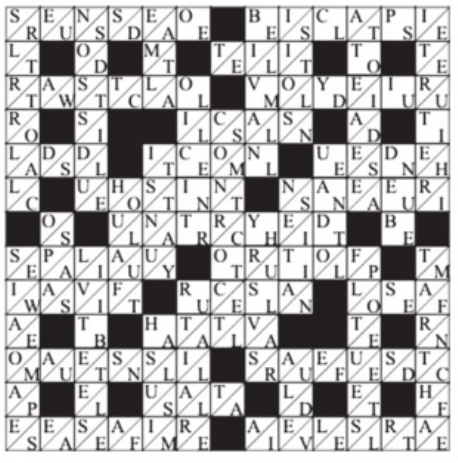
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



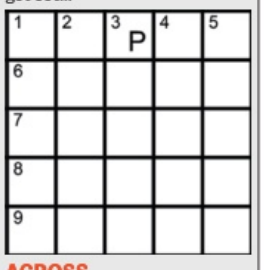
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

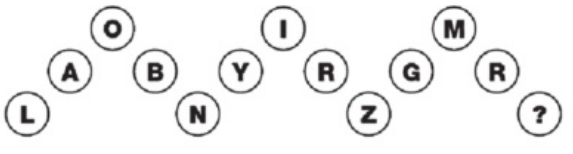
1 Pad me; 6 Or bag; 7 No ion; 8 No inn; 9 Kayak

DOWN

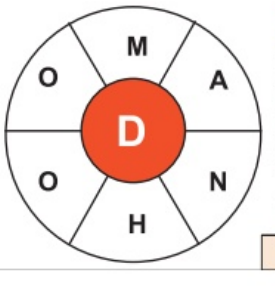
1 On Gay; 2 Amain; 3 PR kin; 4 OK OBE (1-4); 5 No and

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

4	3		8		1	2		
		2		7		8	6	
		5						
5		3	1				9	
1								2
	4				3	1		8
						7		
	8	1		6		4		
		7	3		8		2	1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

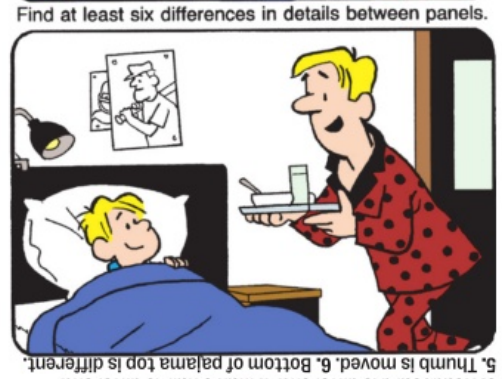
Easy = 6
2 3 7 8

Medium = 6
5 4 3 2

Hard = 42
1 6 8 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



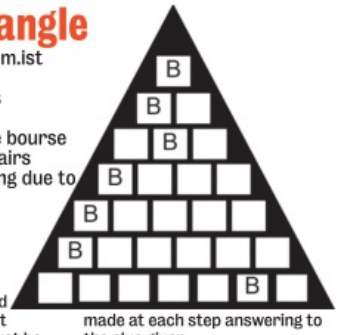
Differences: 1. Glass is taller. 2. Pillow is different. 3. Headboard is different. 4. Man's hair is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Bottom of pajama top is different.

Riddler

Solve this rebus: MEREPEAT

Alpha triangle

1 Boron for the chem.ist
2 College degree
3 Stomach muscles
4 Pubs
5 Pessimists on the bourse
6 Strengthens or pairs
7 Something as being due to



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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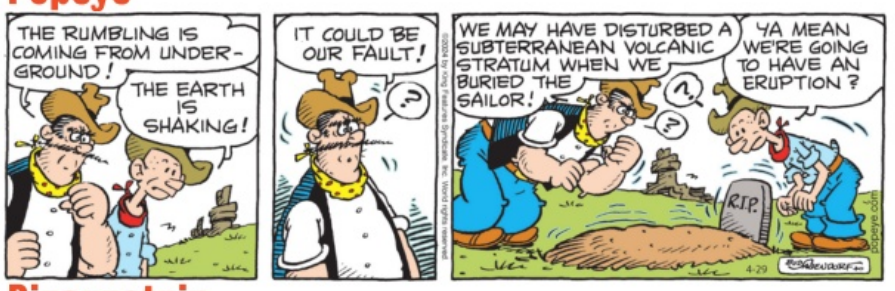
Popeye


THE RUMBLING IS COMING FROM UNDER-GROUND!
THE EARTH IS SHAKING!
IT COULD BE OUR FAULT!
WE MAY HAVE DISTURBED A SUBTERRANEAN VOLCANIC STRATUM WHEN WE BURIED THE SAILOR!
YA MEAN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ERUPTION?
R.I.P.
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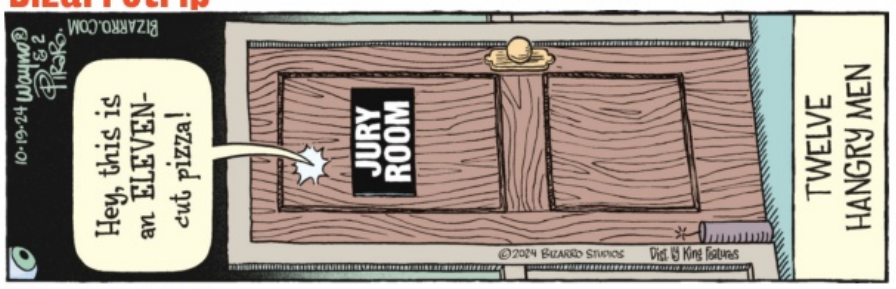

Diamond Lil

WHAT ARE YOU GOING AS FOR HALLOWEEN, HOWARD?
I'M GOING AS A A SAFE SPACE!
WHAT'LL YOU BE WEARING?
THE FLOOR OF A BANK!
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Hart of the city

Crankshaft

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I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD IT SET ON ELEVEN!
10-19
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

HEY, LITTLE FELLOW, YOU CAN FLY SOUTH WITH US!
DO YOU MIND, MOOCH?
I UNDER-SHTAND.
BIRDS CAN'T HELP BEING FAIR-WEATHER FRIENDS
mutts.com 10-19

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, destiny is on your side, making it easier to manage tasks and boosting your confidence. You might consider visiting a spiritual place and may also donate to a religious cause or charity. A short business trip could be on the cards, and blessings from elders will bring peace of mind. Lovebirds may receive family support regarding marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel low due to minor health issues that could disrupt your routine. You may engage in self-reflection, identifying areas of negativity. Despite being surrounded by people, you might feel lonely, and your focus could drift. By late evening, with the help of elders, you may find clarity and overcome these challenges.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may receive profitable business orders and introduce new ideas to your work. New partnerships may take off, but the workload might leave you mentally exhausted, affecting your domestic life. It's important to strike a balance between work and relaxation to avoid burnout.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you will excel at work, and your colleagues will be supportive. You will be able to complete postponed projects on time. You may lend money for investment purposes. Job seekers could find new opportunities, and those affected by old health issues may receive positive news.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, things are improving, and people around you may start responding positively. However, it's important not to view life as a burden and to find ways to sustain yourself through challenging situations. Easy gains might be difficult to achieve, but with blessings from elders, you will overcome obstacles and resolve any confusion regarding your goals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, tasks may feel incomplete, and mood swings could affect your productivity. Your patience will be tested, and silly mistakes could make it difficult to finish your work. Lovebirds might find themselves uncertain about their feelings, and too many expectations could impact emotional connections. You're advised to take care of your parents. Students may struggle with concentration.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, with the help of your subordinates, you'll manage to finish delayed tasks. Your network will grow, helping you in both work and social life. You may plan a fun outing with friends or family. Any disputes with neighbours may be resolved. Students are encouraged to overcome laziness and focus on their studies.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may spend money addressing family issues, which could affect your financial health. Be cautious about spending on unnecessary items and think carefully before making decisions. It's advised to control your straightforwardness to maintain harmony both at home and at work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today brings a positive environment, especially after receiving good news from siblings. Job seekers may land a great opportunity, and spiritual energy will guide you in making the right decisions. Your focus on your goals will be clearer, and students will excel in their studies.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull and unhealthy, possibly finding yourself at a crossroads. Trust your intuition before making important decisions. It's advised to drive safely and avoid adventurous travel. You might experience self-criticism and struggle with making decisions, which could affect your self-confidence and social image.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is favourable for gains. You'll achieve results with minimal effort, and past losses may turn into profits now. You might consider pursuing academics or donate to a religious place or charity. Helping someone in need could also be part of your day, and investing in intellectual assets may be on your mind. Students are likely to perform well.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you'll excel professionally with full support from your boss or seniors. New opportunities are likely, and you may even secure a new job. Job seekers may find a suitable position, and singles might find love in their workplace.

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BULL'S EYE
damn, doom, hand, hood, MANHOOD, mood, nomad

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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Y	A	K	K	A

RIDDLER
Repeat after me

SUDOKU

6	9	7	3	4	8	5	2	1
2	8	1	5	6	7	4	3	9
3	5	4	9	1	2	7	6	8
7	4	9	6	2	3	1	5	8
1	6	8	7	5	9	3	4	2
5	2	3	1	8	4	6	9	7
8	7	5	2	3	6	9	1	4
9	1	2	4	7	5	8	6	3
4	3	6	8	9	1	2	7	5

MENSA PUZZLE
V. Working from left to right, following the zig-zag pattern of the line, letters move through the alphabet skipping 15 letters, then 14, then 13 etc.

QUOTE UNCODE
When the enemy has no face, society will invent one

QUICK

S	U		K		S		N		S					
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A		A	T	T	A			E		R				
S	E	S	A	M	E		A	V	E	S	T	A		

SUDOKO
8, 8A, Abs, Bars, Bears, Braces, Ascribe.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
Easy
8 + 3 − 7 + 2 = 6
Medium
2 + 3 + 5 − 4 = 6
Hard
6 + 8 × 3 × 1 = 42

GO FIGURE

LOOP

KAKURO

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